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## Poland

### Agricultural Situation

### Poland Capitalizes On EU Subsidies

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**Report Highlights:**

Early concerns about Poland's ability to effectively manage its EU subsidies, a year later Poland has emerged as the most proficient of all new EU member States in applying EU subsidies.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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According to a report in the May 1, 2005 issue of the major Polish daily, Rzeczpospolita, EU direct subsidies to Polish farmers have so far totaled 7.45bn PLN (\$1 = 3.29 PLN). The Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture (ARiMR) transferred payments to 1.3 million farmers, whose incomes may have increased as much as 33 percent as a result of the aid. There were about 4,000 farmers who did not receive subsidies before the April 30 deadline, however, the ARiMR will not be penalized by the EU because the late payments do not exceed 4-percent of the entire pool of subsidies. "We only have very complicated cases to deal with, and those need to be closely examined. The lacking subsidies will be paid out in May," said Wojciech Pomajda, president of the ARiMR. Only 11,000 farmers will not receive EU subsidies, of the 1.4 million who submitted applications. This includes the 2,000 farm owners who overestimated their acreage by more than 20 percent. Subsidies were granted to 85 percent of registered farmers.